



School Performance Report Card: At a Glance

**Purpose is to build communication and
promote understanding between
schools, parents, and the community**

**Provides information about a school,
including SOL test scores, attendance
rates, school safety, and accreditation
rating**

**Developed with participation of Virginia
public school superintendents**

**Prepared annually by the Department of
Education for local school division
distribution to parents**



School Performance Report Card: A Closer Look

Means to building communication with parents and the community

The School Performance Report Card provides information for the public to convey results and accountability. The percent of students passing the Standards of Learning tests is shown on the Report Card, as is the accreditation rating of a school and other school characteristics. Prepared for each school and mailed annually, the Report Card gives a snapshot of school and student achievement to parents and to the community. A separate report card will be provided for each school, customized to its grade levels.

Simple and straightforward method to provide information about a school

The Report Card has a concise, readable format which was developed in conjunction with a committee representing Virginia's public school superintendents. The information it conveys includes the following:

- * test scores on the SOL tests, and statewide and division averages
- * accreditation ratings
- * those students included and excluded from the SOL tests
- * the percent of the school population participating in the testing program
- * additional school information such as attendance rates, dropout rates, and safety information

In addition to the above, the Report Cards for secondary schools include:

- * students taking Advanced Placement courses and those earning a score of "3" or better on the Advanced Placement test
- * students taking college courses for credit and seniors enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program
- * the number of Standard, Advanced Studies, Special and International Baccalaureate diplomas, Certificates of Program Completion, and GED certificates

First mailing in Spring 1999

The Department of Education has prepared, printed, and sent the School Performance Report Card to the individual schools for mailing to parents. Every school will have the opportunity to include additional information which is of interest and relevance to its community.

Provided annually thereafter every Fall

The School Performance Report Card will be provided to parents annually around the beginning of each school year.